
Title: Lord Clay Of Aquinas

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I first met Lord Clay Of Aquinas when I was a young player many years ago. I had been playing for only a few days and found it hard to get around. Murderers roamed the roads outside of the cities which made it difficult for new players to travel. I met Lord Clay while mining just outside of town at the mountains just North of Minoc.

I was struggling to get my ore to the forge in town without it being picked up off of the ground by other players as they passed by. He must have seen me travel slowly by a handful of times before he approached me and asked if I needed help carrying ore. I hesitated thinking it would be easy for this stranger to just run away with my ore. But if it could save me some time I could at least try it to see if I could trust him. So we hauled my ore back and forth a few times chatting along the way. Eventually I think he grew tired of the process, and excused himself saying he would return. I figured he was just going to vanish for good after being bothered with carrying ore. Instead he returned with two pack horses. A miracle for me at the time that

I could transport so much ore without having problems. However instead of leaving he continued to hang out with me while I worked away. From that point on we became good friends. I've always known him to be ready and willing to help anyone in need. At the time he provided a safe haven for players on Ice Isle on Ice Isle. When Trammel opened, he established his rune library at the Hedge Maze which while not as well known as Goodmans, it still had a large group of regular users.

After a hiatus, he returned to Atlantic and began building up his collection and rune library again. Although the house at the hedge maze has been taken, he has opened a library in Malas which has eventually moved to a more appropriate location just NE of Skara Brae.

His rare collection now takes up more space than it use to and he's put that in another home, a castle North of Trinsic next to the swamps. Both homes are open to the public and I have run into him on occassion, he still manages to make time to have a conversation with visitors.

To Lord Clay Of Aquinas, your devotion, kindness and nobleness have not gone unrecognized. I for one would like to say thank you for being a friend, inspiration, and teacher over the years.

I can't speak for everyone that was in TMC but I'm sure all of them would thank you for everything you did to help and guide them.

So in your honor, I'm
submitting this book to
the Hall of Players. May
you continue to inspire,
guide, and change the
lives of players for the
rest of time.